

Canadian Consumers Beware!

Recently thousands of Canadian consumers took to their cars, crossed the border into the U.S. and realized considerable savings on purchases of all sorts of goods. From the Christmas Turkey to, winter tires, and HD television sets, many bargains were found. Canadian retailers, slow to react and reduce prices, missed out!

Recent statements by Canadian Government officials appear to be solidly behind the consumer's freedom of choice. They are advocating that free trade is working!

As Canadians continue to shop and save someone else very quietly might be planning to relieve them of some really big bucks over the next few years. Do most Canadians, especially those with young families know that they are being victimized by more than \$5,000 dollars when they purchase their first car? Their pockets are quietly being picked! Are they aware of the gouging that is going on today?

The tax burden on an average Canadian is running at around 40 - 50%. Just to save \$5,000 dollars would mean that one would need to earn \$10,000. What would you do with thousands of extra dollars in your pocket? Pay off student loans? Pay down the mortgage? How about braces for your youngster? What about your daughter's college education? If invested smartly how much would this money be worth in 40 some odd years when you are ready to retire? \$125,000?

You have an opportunity here to really improve your standard of living!

So how will you feel when these dollars you worked so hard for are quietly lifted from your pocket? Many Canadian citizens are not aware of the significant difference in the pricing of automobiles between the U.S. and Canada. They do not realize that the big car manufacturers are gouging hardworking Canadians to the tune of over \$5 billion dollars a year.

Recently, even first time car buyers are venturing down to the U.S. to purchase their first car and realizing significant savings. The big kicker here is that the same car that is manufactured in Ontario is sold to Canadians at over \$5,000. Family Vans and SUVs are priced at differences of up to \$25,000!

Most folks today are really not aware of what is going on behind the scene.

Right now up in Ottawa the Car Manufacturers and Ottawa are hankered down in closed conferences trying to figure out how to best relieve you of an opportunity to improve your standard of living.

They are meeting to decide if they will allow Ottawa will make an amendment to a safety law that was just implemented mandating anti-theft devices in all new cars. Right now the anti-theft device installed in U.S. market cars is banned in Canada, Most consumers groups, provincial agencies, safety groups and car brokers are in favor of a change to accept the American anti-theft device as part of the new law. They have stated so during these public hearings. Very little differences have been noted between the two. This change will allow Canadians the right to continue purchasing automobiles in the U.S.

Somehow though, the big Canadian Manufacturers will not go on public record as to whether or not they support the change. Their participation in these public hearings to date has been to indicate no comment, “We are not yet ready to publicly state our views”. A spokesman for the Transport Department, when asked if they will be making the public aware of the positions taken by the big boys, has gone on record as saying, “we will consolidate their replies and inputs” When pushed further to identify the Companies on an individual basis the Department head abruptly stated that this would be too much work!

So all you Canadian Consumers out there please start looking at the big picture!

If you are concerned about this issue, freedom of speech, and improving your standard of living, now is the time to register your displeasure with Mr. Harper, Mr. Cannon, the department of Transport and the whole gouging system, now being run by the Car Manufacturers.

To get all the details and sign the “Great Canadian Petition” please go to

<http://www.carswithoutborders.com/get-involved/join-the-petition/>

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